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SUBJECT: WEEKEND STRIKE OF AEROAMERICA CABIN PERSONNEL FAILS
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1. BERLIN NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT, SURPRISINGLY, THE FIRST STRIKE IN BERLIN CHARTER FLIGHT HISTORY FAILED COMPLETELY. AEROAMERICAN MANAGED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CABIN PERSONNEL SO THAT ONLY ONE FLIGHT HAD TO BE CANCELLED ON THE PAST WEEKEND. THAN ONE, A SUB-CHARTER TO A BELGIAN CARRIER FOR A BRUSSELS-SARDINIA FLIGHT, DID NOT AFFECT BERLIN AIR SERVICES. SABENA FLEW THIS CHARTER FOR AEROAMERICA.

2. AFTER AEROAMERICA CHAIRMAN JOEL ESINEBERG HAD REFUSED THE CONDITIONS OF THE "DEUTSCHE ANGESTELLTEN-GEWERKSCHAFT" (DAG) TRADE UNION FOR A COLLECTIVE GARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE DAG CALLED THE CABIN PERSONNEL TO GO ON STRIKE FROM JULY 9 THROUGH JULY 12, 1977. AEROAMERICA THEN INFORMED THE DAG THAT ALL STEWDARDESSES AND STEWARDS WHO WENT ON STRIKE WOULD BE LOCKED OUT FOR THE PERIOD OF THE STRIKE.

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3. AS IT UTRNED OUT, THE TRADE UNION WAS IN A WEAK POSITION. ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THE 48 DAG MEMBERS DID NOT JOIN THE STRIKE (AND POSSIBLY RESIGNED FROM TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP). AEROAMERICA REDUCED THE NUMBER OF STEWDARDESSES ON EACH PLANE FROM 4 TO 3, WHICH IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER FAA REGULATIONS AND MANAGED TO GET SUBSTITUTE CABIN PERSONNEL FROM ABROAD

AND SO THE STRIKE FIZZLED OUT. THREE PLANES WERE LATE, BUT THOSE DELAYS WERE DUE TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' SLOWDOWN IN SPAIN RATHER THAN TO BERLIN STRIKE MEASURES.

4. ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE STRIKE, BERLIN DAG CHAIRMAN ERICH REHM ADMITTED THAT THE STRIKE HAD FAILED.

5. AEROAMERICA MANAGER MATHUS TOLD MISSION THAT HE BELIEVES HE HAS THE UPPER HAND IN THIS AFFAIR. GEORGE

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